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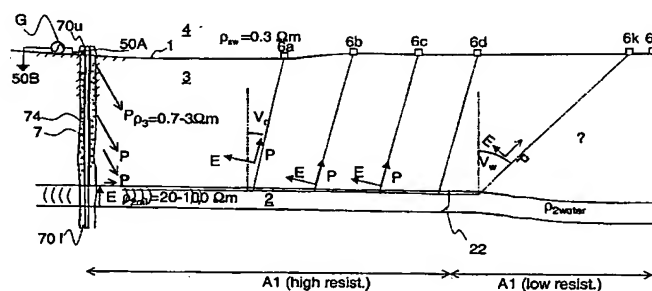
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(57) Abstract: A method for monitoring a high-resistivity reservoir rock formation (2) below one or more less resistive formations (3), comprising the following steps: Transmitting an electromagnetic signal (S) propagating from near a seafloor or land surface (1) by means of an electromagnetic transmitter (5) powered by a voltage signal generator (G). The electromagnetic signal (S) propagates from the seafloor (1) and is guided along a conductive string (7) to the high-resistivity formation (2), and propagates as a guided-wave electromagnetic signal (S_2) at a relatively higher speed (V_2) inside the high-resistivity formation (2) than a propagation speed (V_3) in the less resistive formations (3). The guided-wave electromagnetic signal (S_2) gives rise to an upward refracting electromagnetic signal (R_3) having the relatively lower propagation speed (V_3) in the less resistive formations (3) and having an exit angle nearer to the normal N to the interface between said high-resistivity formation (2) and the lower-resistivity formation (3), and gives rise to a steeply rising refraction wave front (F_3). The refracted electromagnetic wave front (F_3) comprising refracted electromagnetic signals (R_3) is detected along an array of sensor antennas (6a, 6b, 6c, ..., 6k, ..., 6n) along the seafloor, the array having a direction away from the transmitter (5). In a preferred embodiment of the invention, the electromagnetic transmitter (5) comprises an antenna (50) transmitting the electromagnetic signal (S) to an upper end (70U) of an electrically conductive string (7), e.g. a steel casing or liner, the upper end (70U) being arranged near said seafloor (1).

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